

July 1, 1999

CLASS SPECIFICATION

SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ECONOMIST

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to perform a wide variety of complex analyses in determining the economic impact of urban growth; to make short and long-range econometric revenue projections on a City-wide basis; to act as a project leader; and to perform related work.

* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Conducts a wide variety of complex analyses of the economic impact of urban growth in assessing development proposals and growth strategies;
- Develops econometric models to measure and forecast revenues;
- Develops analytical and statistical tools and techniques to measure economic variables;
- Determines potential costs and revenues of new and proposed developments;
- Analyzes and projects the effects and interrelationships of external economic conditions and the City's financial condition;
- Evaluates existing and alternative tax forms to determine equity, impact, incidence, elasticity, cost of administration, and yield;
- Performs cost-benefit analysis of capital improvements projects;
- Leads the preparation of reports and recommendations for the City Manager, City Council, and Planning Commission;
- As a project leader, trains and reviews the work of project personnel.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

College graduation with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Business or Finance, **AND** two years of experience developing and applying economic analysis techniques, including statistical or econometric models, to perform complex tax, revenue, cost-benefit analysis or analyses related to the financing of public or private sector operations. A Master's degree in Economics, Business or Finance may be substituted for a maximum of one year of the required experience. Additional qualifying experience as listed above may be substituted for education lacked on a year-for-year basis.

- * **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.